

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: NMUC, NATO, NPG, NL  
SUBJ:DUTCH VIEWS ON THE ENHANCED RADIATION WEAPON (ERW)

REF: THE HAGUE 1231 (DTG 081618 MAR 78)

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MOTION ON ERW ADOPTED EARLIER TODAY,  
MARCH 8, BY SECOND CHAMBER OF PARLIAMENT.  
BEGIN TEXT  
THE CHAMBER,  
NOTING THE DELIBERATION OCCASIONED BY THE RESIGNATION OF THE  
DEFENSE MINISTER;  
CONSIDERING THAT DECISION TO PRODUCE THE SO-CALLED NEUTRON  
BOMB RESTS IN THE HANDS OF THE US;  
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CONSIDERING THAT THE USG HAS INFORMED THE NATO ALLIES THAT  
IT WILL NOT TAKE A DECISION EXCEPT AFTER CONSULTATION WITH  
NATO COUNTRIES;  
CONSIDERING THAT, IF A (DUTCH) POINT OF VIEW ABOUT PRODUCTION  
IS TO HAVE ANY EFFECT ON THE AMERICAN DECISION, IT NEEDS TO BE  
KNOWN BEFOREHAND BY THE USG;  
EXPRESSEES AS ITS VIEW THAT PRODUCTION OF THE NEUTRON WEAPON IS

UNDESIRABLE AND  
INVITES THE GOVERNMENT TO COMMUNICATE THIS POINT OF VIEW  
TO THE USG AND THE OTHER NATO ALLIES. END TEXT

2. MFA HAS TAKEN PAINS TO EXPLAIN TO THIS EMBASSY THAT,  
THE MOTION OF THE SECOND CHAMBER NOTWITHSTANDING, THE GON  
CONTINUES TO REGARD PRODUCTION AS EXCLUSIVELY A MATTER FOR US  
DECISION AND THAT GON IS NOT RPT NOT EXPRESSING ITSELF AGAINST  
PRODUCTION. THE GON DOES NOT WISH TO INJECT ITSELF IN THE US  
PRODUCTION DECISION AND IN THIS RESPECT THE POINT OF VIEW OF  
THE GON DIFFERS FROM THAT OF THE CHAMBER. GON WILL, OF COURSE,  
GIVE EFFECT TO THE MOTION IN THE SENSE OF COMMUNICATING THE  
CHAMBER'S VIEWS TO THE US AND OTHER ALLIES.

3. MFA HAS ALSO EMPHASIZED CONTINUED DUTCH READINESS TO CONSULT  
IN NATO ABOUT MEANS OF INTRODUCING ERW INTO ARMS CONTROL  
DISCUSSIONS WITH THE EAST. IN ADDITION, WE WERE TOLD THAT GON  
WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE IN A POSITION TO GIVE APPROVAL NOW TO  
DEPLOYMENT IN THE EVENT OF SOVIET UNWILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE.  
THUS, POINT 3 OF US PROPOSAL WAS UNACCEPTABLE TO GON.

4. IN AN INTERESTING COMMENT, WE WERE GIVEN TO UNDERSTAND  
THAT US DECISION TO PROCEED WITH PRODUCTION WOULD OPEN UP  
SOLUTION TO THE QUESTION OF WHAT ALLIANCE SHOULD DO ABOUT ERW  
SINCE WEAPONS, ONCE PRODUCED, COULD QUICKLY BE FLOWN TO  
EUROPEAN CONTINENT IN CASE OF NEED.  
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